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REMARKS

Early consideration and allowance of the above-referenced patent application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4 remain in this application. Claim 5 has been amended.

The claim has been amended to remove a multiple dependency and to otherwise conform with U.S. claim practice. No new matter has been entered.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the claims:

Claim 5 has been amended as follows:

5. (Amended) A reclosable fastener as claimed in claim 3 [or 4], in which a layer of sealant material is co-extruded on to each rib.